

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1-39. (Previously Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method for using a multi-function key in a watch-type portable phone, the watch-type portable phone having a multi-function key with a protrusion adapted to slide in a first direction and a second direction substantially opposite to the first direction, and be pressed in a third direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction, a display for displaying digits/characters, and at least one hierarchal menu for selecting various functions, comprising the steps of:

generating at least one input signal by performing at least one of the following multi-function key manipulations:

- a) pressing the protrusion of the multi-function key at least once;
- b) sliding the protrusion of the multi-function key in the first direction; and
- c) sliding the protrusion of the multi-function key in the second direction,

wherein the at least one input signal is used to ~~performing at least one of a) navigating through the at least one hierarchal menu, b) selecting a function, and c) inputting digits/characters.~~

41. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 40, wherein a first ~~navigating, selecting or~~ inputting is performed if the manipulation is performed for a short duration, and a second ~~navigating, selecting or~~ inputting is performed if the manipulation is performed for a long duration.

42. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein the at least one input signal is further used to navigate through the at least one hierarchal menu.

43. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein the at least one input signal is further used to select a function.